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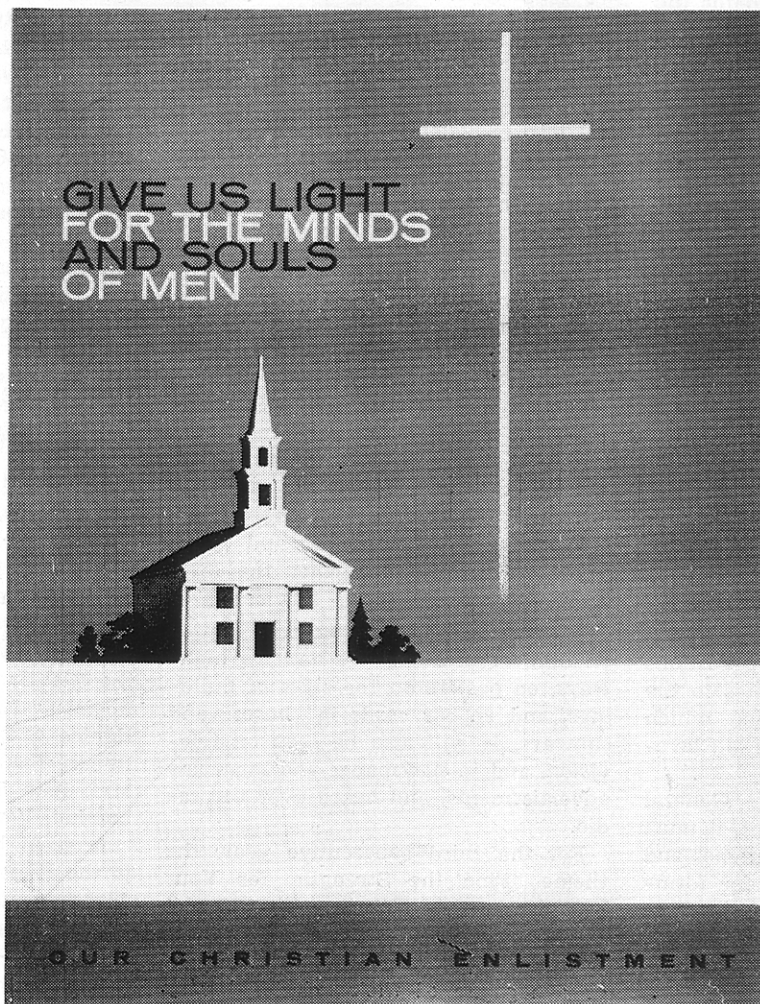
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Proposed United Church Constitution Sent To Churches For Discussion

Some 8,000 local churches throughout the nation will have an opportunity during the next three months to help shape the constitution for the United Church of Christ.

Copies of the proposed constitution are being sent this week to every Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Church in the country.

When the United Church of Christ was formed two years ago by a union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, a thirty-member commission was elected to draft a final constitution for the body.

The fruit of that commission's work was received by the United Church's second General Synod in July of this year as "an excellent working document." The Synod, however, voted to defer final action on the constitution until local churches of the two constituent bodies had had a chance to examine it and offer suggestions and comments.

According to Rev. Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey, Philadelphia, co-secretary of the United Church, local churches will have until December 1 of this year to submit their suggestions for changes or revisions in the proposed draft.

The drafting commission will sift the suggestions submitted to it and a revised version of the document will go out in early spring, 1960, for further study by the churches and regional conferences and synods of the two groups. At this point, any suggestions for change must go to delegates to the United Church's General Synod, which will meet in adjourned session in Cleveland, Ohio, July 6 to 9, 1960.

If the 1960 meeting of the General Synod agrees on the document, it must go back once again to the churches and regional synods — this time for formal action. Before the constitution can be declared in effect, it must have the approval of two-thirds of the Evangelical and Reformed regional synods and two-thirds of the Congregational Christian Churches voting. Leaders hope this might be accomplished by 1962.

Constitution making in the United Church presents unusual problems because of the nature of the two groups involved.

In the Congregational Christian denomination the local church is autonomous. Local associations of churches, state and regional conferences, and a national General Council exist as voluntary organizations with no authority over local churches.

In the Evangelical and Reformed Church, authority over the local church in certain specified matters is vested in regional bodies called synods, and nationally in a General Synod.

The proposed constitution for the United Church of Christ, as it now stands, guarantees "the autonomy of any congregation or local church in the management of its own affairs" and makes the local church "the basic unit" of the denomination's life and organization.

It also provides that actions and advice from national and regional bodies "should be held in the highest regard by every congregation or local church; but no such action, decisions or advice shall be binding on any congregation or local church."

Religion In American Life

Religion in American Life's 11th annual campaign will be conducted throughout the United States during November in a cooperative effort of American business, advertising, volunteer groups and churches and synagogues to raise still further the level of attendance at worship services.

A new full-color poster will appear on billboards, along the nation's highways, on posters on the sides of buildings, and on car cards in buses and subways. It will also be seen on television, and in newspaper and magazine advertisements, and heard over the radio.

For the third consecutive year, the theme "Find the Strength for Your Life — Worship Together This Week" will be repeated in all media as a call to all Americans to attend the church or synagogue of their choice every week.

Sponsored by 70 lay men and women of all faiths, the non-sectarian Religion in American Life Program is promoted through 26 national religious groups. More than \$8,000,000 worth of time and space for RIAL literature for mass public distribution. Free kits of sample ma-

Echoes Of Southern Union College

WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

The college year of 1959-60 will open when the dormitories begin to receive freshmen on Sunday, September 20. Orientation will be Monday and Tuesday, September 21 and 22, with registration set for Wednesday, September 23, and classes starting in regular order on Thursday, September 24.

The enrollment looks good for this year, Pilgrim Hall already being filled with girls and Beougher Hall being made ready for the overflow. Business Manager Robert Faulkner says all trailers have been spoken for and we could use several more if we had them.

The faculty will include several new people: Mrs. Bette Powell will teach English, Physical Education (girls) and have charge of Public Relations; Mr. Lawrence P. Ray will teach Chemistry; Mrs. Jane Griffin will teach English and Drama; Rev. James Corley will teach History. Also returning to the faculty will be Dean A. R. Van Cleave, Chaplain Carl Landes, Mr. and Mrs. Nofflet Williams, Mr. Owen Frost, Mr. Tom Radney, Dr. Simon Bennett, Madame Lilly Justus, Mrs. Maxine Jackson and Miss Grace Crump. Mr. Williams has been appointed Dean of Students and Mrs. Williams will serve as Librarian.

The staff will include a few new people: Mrs. Rosa Elder Creel will be a dormitory house mother; Mr. Harold Bates will be the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Mrs. Charles Englebracht will be Assistant to the President; Mrs. Quintilla Smith will be the Dietitian. Also on the staff will be Registrar L. L. James; Treasurer, Mrs. Eunice Stephens; Business Manager Robert Faulkner; President's Secretary, Mrs. Jean Faulkner; and Assistant Librarian, Vera Van Cleave.

A great big round of applause goes to the Women's Fellowship of the East Alabama and West Georgia Congrega-

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terials and program guides are available from RIAL, 184 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Religion in American Life serves as a public service project for the Public Relations Society of America, the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and many other groups, including Kiwanis and other service clubs.

People...

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Ala. Young People's Summer Conference Held

The Ala.-N. W. Fla. Summer Conference held at Southern Union College, got off to a good start and was able to keep up a good schedule throughout the whole week. The Dean, Rev. Charles Bell, had everything well in hand.

The Conference was fortunate this year in having the presence of the Superintendent, Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., as chaplain and teacher. Also present from outside of the state were Miss Elinor Baker, member of the Action Commission of our National Pilgrim Fellowship, and Mr. Avedis Artinian from Syria and Lebanon.

The Student Summer Service Workers, Peggy Hammock and Joellen Parker, did a good job of leading the recreation at night, and were joined by Patsy Yancey for two nights.

Other leaders were Rev. and Mrs. Warren Blankenhorn, Rev. Warner Noles, Mrs. Kermit Harris, Mrs. Carroll Lewis, Rev. Floyd Carmack, and Miss Stevetta Green.

Georgia - South Carolina Summer Conference Held

The Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference met at the Roosevelt State Park. Rev. Sam D. Nelson served excellently as the Dean and women from his church at Fredonia gave their services to see that we had good meals.

Avedis Artinian from Syria and Lebanon, David Van Epps, Fellowship Commission Chairman of our National PF, and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Taylor were those who served us from outside the Ga. - S. C. area.

The Conference was well attended. Lindianne Roberson from LaGrange and Tony Hand from Douglas were honored by the Student Council with token gifts of appreciation and declared best all round campers.

Leaders of the Conference were Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Peacock, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Berry, Rev. and Mrs. James T. McAdams, Rev. William McMullars, Mrs. Eldee Sullivan, Mrs. Sam Nelson, Mrs. Clara Sykes, Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Mrs. Edw. Askren Jr., Peter Sanford, Boyd James, Melvyn Roquemore, Peggy Hammock, and others.

HERE AND THERE

Rev. Paul Pike has resigned as minister of the Todd Church, Shawmut, Alabama. To date his successor has not been selected.

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Dr. Ira D. Black, Secretary for New Church Development of the Board of Home Missions, will conduct a Visitation Evangelism Project at the Brookmeade Church, Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 27-30.

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Rev. Serge F. Hummon, Secretary for the Board of Home Missions of the Town and Country Church, will speak at the joint dedication and installation service at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., on Sunday, September 27, at 4 o'clock. Rev. Frank R. Snively will be installed as pastor and the new church building dedicated.

Mrs. Hazel Anderson, wife of Dr. Thomas Anderson, minister of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, moved on to the larger life on Thursday, September 10, after a period of illness. Memorial services were conducted in Atlanta on Sunday afternoon, September 13, by Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Rev. Hugh Lasseter and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. attended the Town and Country Convocation of the United Church of Christ at Oberlin College Sept. 1-3.

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Mr. Robert Dean, a student at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, has been called to serve the Sardis Church, Oxford, Ga., for another year.

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New and renewal subscriptions to The Southeast News may be secured at the Fall Association and Conference meetings for \$1.00 per year. Plan now to subscribe or to renew your subscription.

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Rev. Serge F. Hummon, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions for Town and Country, will visit the North Alabama and Tennessee and Kentucky areas of the Convention the latter part of September.

Church History Room Wishes Historical Items

The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches in cooperation with Elon College, sponsors a Church Historical Room at the college.

Already the room has on display, and protected in its files and cabinets, historical documents, pictures and curios relating to the history of our fellowship of churches in the south.

Originally started with the churches of the Southern Convention in mind, the Historical Room now cordially invites the churches of the Southeast Convention to send in items of historical interest. Of primary interest are histories of churches, pictures of churches and church gatherings, and treasured items out of old churches.

All items should be sent to Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, Church History Room, Elon College, N. C.

Churches of the convention are encouraged to send in their histories and old pictures of the church and ministers and interesting persons. If you have questions you can write to the Southeast Convention Office, 673 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Echoes of S U . . . (Cont.)

tional Christian Churches for their face lifting job on Beougher Hall. Groups of women, young people, laymen and ministers from Phenix City, Lanett, Elder, Langdale, Andalusia, Headland, and Roanoke came over and painted ceilings, walls, floors, and furniture; also provided new drapes and matching bed spreads with scatter rugs, all of which made a world of difference in the appearance of this old and much abused house.

Mr. Pressley Ingram, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has very graciously provided the paint to completely cover the ceiling and walls of the dining hall and the kitchen. The student labor has done an excellent job. Many thanks to all.

The manager of our Thrift Shop, Mrs. Jewell Van Cleave, has had a good summer, sales being generally a little bit ahead of last year. There are still many demands for clothing for men (work clothes too) and children, especially shoes.

These echoes are closed with a cordial invitation to come to see us.

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Superintendent's Corner

"Our Christian World Mission"

Within the next several weeks each of the churches of the Southeast Convention will receive its suggested goal for Our Christian World Mission for its new church year.

Our Christian World Mission is the means by which we support the work of the Board of Home Missions, the Congregational Christian Service Committee, The Council for Social Action and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in cooperation with the other Congregational Christian Churches across the nation.

It is also the means by which we support the "Program of Progress" of the Southeast Convention, looking to the day when we will become a self-sustained convention.

Each year we request our churches to increase their giving to "Our Christian World Mission" in order that the ministries of each of these boards and agencies may be more effective and that the convention may take another long stride on the path moving from a mission-aided convention to a missionary convention.

Will your church respond to the challenge?

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SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

September 20 — Chattanooga, Pilgrim
September 22-23 — Meeting of Superintendents of the Southern Province with Dr. Fred Hoskins at

Experiencing Unity In Christ

Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Moderator, The Southeast Convention

(This is the text of a report on the Second General Synod which was made to St. John's United Church of Christ on August 9, 1959)

It is a pleasure to be back worshipping with St. John's Church again; and to bring greetings from your sister churches in the southeast and on this occasion we have the added pleasure of bringing greetings from the Second General Synod of the United Church of Christ at Oberlin.

We enjoyed the weather on the trip up to Oberlin and it gave us a real thrill when we got up into Ohio and when we saw a large church in the center of a town — more than likely it was a Congregational church.

The Second General Synod finished its work on July 9th and I believe that most of us were pleased with the things that were accomplished. Personally, I was a little disappointed because the Constitution and By-Laws were not adopted and sent to the churches and synods.

The Synod began with the service of worship on Sunday morning. This was not only the opening service of the United Church of Christ, but the closing service of the eleventh General Synod of the E & R Church, as well.

The co-presidents presided as liturgists. The speaker was the Reverend Gaines M. Cook, Executive Secretary of the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). It was a thrilling experience to unite with some 700 other delegates and many visitors in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The opening hymn was "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ Her Lord." This was a theme that we heard repeated again and again during the Synod — in the preamble to the Constitution, the statement of purpose of the committee to prepare a Statement of Faith, and in many reports. The music was furnished by a fine a cappella choir from Mt. Zion Congregational Church in Cleveland. The evening service was also im-

pressive and inspiring. It was held in the field house and the speaker was Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches.

Sunday afternoon and Monday morning were taken up with committee meetings. I was on the Review Committee for the work of the Board for Home Missions. It was a pleasure to work closely with this group. I believe that I was the only Southerner on this committee, and it was worth the trip just to find the very real sympathy which our brethren in other parts of the country have with our problems and tensions here in Dixie. They realize that they do not exactly live in Paradise either.

Most of the reports were accepted without debate.

The original draft of the Statement of Faith was criticized by some (myself included) because we felt that the draft presented did not sufficiently safeguard the Divinity of Christ and over-emphasized his humanity. After some recommended changes were made, I believe that most of us were satisfied and it then passed unanimously.

When the Constitution came up there was a great deal of discussion, especially from the C. C. side. There was too much talk about freedom. I believe that some of my brethren forgot that the freedom which the Pilgrim fathers came here seeking was the freedom to worship God — actually, that is the only freedom which man has, unconditionally. Then, too, there was some opposition from the Board for Home Missions. I do not fully understand what this is all about, but their reasons will, no doubt, come out in the Herald in due time. This was the only action on which I spoke from the floor. I spoke for immediate presentation to the churches and synods for ratification.

All in all, the spirit of the Synod was one of unity and acceptance of the United Church of Christ as an established fact — a family to which we now all belong.

Two new churches have been established by the Home Board of the United Church, those at Burlington and Hillsboro, North Carolina. I was fortunate in having for my roommate the

Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.
September 27 — Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
September 28 — Knoxville, Tenn.
October 3-17 — Fall Association and Conference meetings

IS YOUR PASTOR A MEMBER OF THE ANNUITY FUND?

Is your pastor a member of the Annuity Fund of our Congregational Christian Churches? If not, he should be. This would be a protection not only for your pastor and his family, but also for your church. What a tragedy for illness, disability, old age or death to overtake a pastor who does not have the protection such as is afforded by our Annuity Fund. It is not a luxury. It is a necessity. Many a pastor endeavors to keep on trying to work long after the time he ought to retire from a pastorate simply because he does not have protection and financial security, such as our Annuity Fund helps to provide.

WHAT IS THE ANNUITY FUND?

It is a corporation formed to administer a contributory reserve plan for providing age and disability annuities, with benefits for the family of a member in the event of his death.

HOW IS THE RESERVE ACCRUED FOR THE MINISTER'S ANNUITY?

It is the result of annual dues paid by the minister or by his church on his behalf, by additions thereto from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund, and by accumulated interest on these.

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF A MINISTER'S ANNUITY?

The amount of your pastor's annuity at 65 or later, retirement, or disability, or his wife's and/or minor children's annuity in event of his death, is based upon the accumulations to his credit in The Annuity Fund. Therefore, it is to the advantage of every minister to enter the Fund as early as possible. But, if he has delayed until now, it is still not too late. If your pastor is under 65 years of age he may join to his very great advantage. Also, in doing so, he would thus become eligible to receive Ministerial Relief benefits in case of

pastor of these churches and I learned some things which I hope will prove helpful in our own efforts at Huntsville.

It was nice to meet my old professors, Shinn and Ferre, again, and Doctors Wagner, Loesch, and Bredeweg, and to see the smiling face and feel the warm handclasp of Erston Butterfield once more. Rev. Butterfield sends warm greetings to everyone.

his disability (as would his wife or minor children upon his death).

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED DUES?

The required dues to be paid annually by the minister or by others on his behalf are in amount equivalent to 6% of his salary basis. You arrive at the salary basis as follows: Let us assume that your pastor's salary is \$4,000 and parsonage. To this amount add 15% for parsonage, or \$600. The gross salary basis then for Annuity Fund purposes is \$4,600. If you multiply \$4,600 by 6%, the result will be \$276.00, or the required annual dues.

After the first year dues are paid, the Pilgrim Memorial Fund adds a credit of \$45.00 (currently the amount, as it has been for several years), so that your pastor's second year's credit would be \$276.00 plus \$45.00, or a total of \$321.00, while only \$276.00 was paid. Where could you deposit \$276.00 in any safe investment and get good interest on it plus \$45.00 a year on your money? So, you see, Annuity Fund membership is good business.

ARE THE REQUIRED DUES OF 6% ENOUGH TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ANNUITY?

They are not. The rates were fixed in 1921, when interest rates were higher than at present, and when the average span of life was shorter. Since there are nearly 3,000 active members of The Annuity Fund who hold certificates which specify that each man's dues shall be 6% of his salary, this cannot be changed. BUT, it is proposed, and strongly recommended, by our Annuity Fund, that deposits in addition to the required dues of 6% be made to each member's account in an amount equivalent to 5% of his salary basis, making the total amount deposited annually 11% of his salary. Of this 11%, please remember that only 6% is required. But the additional 5% deposit, or as much over 6% as possible, would be to the very great advantage of your pastor.

WHO PAYS THE DUES?

It is recommended that the church or churches served pay the full amount of their minister's dues of 11% of his salary basis. In 1956, about two-thirds of the churches of our denomination paid 8%, and about 36% paid the full 11% recommended. (That is, of course,

The Bible Continues To Break Records

The complete Bible, or parts of it, now exists in 1,136 tongues. Pride in this record achievement was tempered, however, when Dr. Eugene Nida, secretary for translations, reported to the 143rd Annual Meeting in New York City in May, that there are still more than 1,000 languages and dialects in which the Bible has not been translated. The remaining statistics nevertheless are all record-breakers.

In 1958 the Bible Society reported 16,629,486 copies of the Scriptures in 201 languages were distributed throughout the world. Of these, 9,188,978 were complete Bibles. In addition, 1,064,104 copies of the Scriptures were given to the armed forces and 61,396 embossed volumes and Talking Book records for the blind were distributed.

Bible Society members also learned that the Scriptures were published in Braille for the first time last year in Armenian, Chinese, modern Greek; a new Concordance was published in English Braille and a New Testament in German Braille was produced for East Germany. New languages in which parts of the Bible were translated for the first time were Huichol and Otomi, Indian tongues spoken in Mexico, and Combe, a Spanish Guinea language.

Dr. Nida outlined plans for future work which includes cooperation in an international project to revise the earliest known translation of the Bible and prepare a new edition of the Greek New Testament.

the churches whose pastor was a member of the Annuity Fund.)

It is earnestly hoped that our churches will discuss the matter of Annuity Fund membership with their pastors. There is a questionnaire available from the Convention Office which will answer most of your questions. We will be glad to send a copy of this upon request. Also, Superintendent Lightbourne will be happy to come to your church and explain the Annuity Fund, and answer questions relating to the important matter of your pastor's annuity plan.

In many conferences outside the Southeast Convention practically all the pastors are members of the Annuity Fund. It is our hope that we in the Southeast Convention will move in that direction.

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Pilgrim Fellowship Commissions Meet During Summer

Fellowship Commission

The Fellowship Commission of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship met every afternoon at the Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference to work on suggestions and plans for all of the youth groups in our area. We were fortunate in having David Van Epps, the National Fellowship Commission Chairman, to meet with the group and help us be informed concerning some of our national aims.

The Fellowship Commission of the SEC-PF is comprised of the following: Chairman, Suzanne Warren, Charleston, S. C.; Co-chairman, Melissa Kelley, LaGrange, Ga.; Gary Jones, Charleston; Glenda Conley, Waycross; Linda Williams, Columbus; Johnnie Dean Phillips, Buford. Peter Sanford, Lindianne Roberson and David Van Epps were resource leaders.

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Faith Commission

The Faith Commission of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship met at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., for a full day's work, taking time out only for church and lunch. One of their chief concerns was the promotion of a Church Vocations Conference. Each member will work on a certain phase of the commission and report progress to the chairman.

The Faith Commission is comprised



THE FAITH COMMISSION

Action Commission

The Action Commission of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship met during the interest group period at the Alabama-N. W. Florida Summer Conference held at Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama, July 26 to August 1. The meeting was for the purpose of working on plans and suggestions to be used in future issues of THE PILOT in order to inform the local churches of the aims, plans and suggestions of our national fellowship. Miss Elinore Baker, the PF visitor at the Summer Conference, and who is on the National Action Commission, met with the SEC-PF group.

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THE ACTION COMMISSION

PF is comprised of the following: Chairman, Ann Turner, Birmingham; Wray Allen, Lanett; Carolyn Whaley, Roanoke; Joe Brackin, Headland; and Duncan McCallum, Crestview, Fla.

Shown in the snapshot from left to right are: Wray Allen (president of Valley District PF); Joe Brackin; Ann Turner (chairman of SEC-PF); Duncan McCallum; Carolyn Whaley and Elinore Baker.

of the following: Chairman, Mary Emma Thompson, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.; Barbara Thompson and David Snaveley, both of Pleasant Hill; Ann Young and Bob Boyce of Crossville.

Shown in the snapshot, from left to right, are: David Snaveley, Ann Young, Mary Emma and Barbara Thompson.



USF DELEGATES

United Student Fellowship Conference Held At Doane

The National United Student Fellowship Conference was held at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, Aug. 27-Sept. 3. Students from our colleges and universities from all over the United States, including Hawaii, gathered for this meeting. Among the students were people from Egypt, Japan, Turkey, British Guiana, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Nigeria, and Micronesia. Many prominent leaders aided the youth as lecturers, chaplain and coordinator of Bible study groups.

We were quite pleased that Jim Humphrey, a senior at Elon College and a member of our church at Southern Pines, N. C., was elected treasurer of the National USF.

This will be the last national gathering of the United Student Fellowship as a body of the United Church (C. C. and E. & R. only). A merger of four different student groups is being effected. These include — the Disciples Student Fellowship, the Evangelical and United Brethren, the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. and our own USF.

Those attending from the Southeast Convention were Peggy Hammock, SEC-PF president, student at Southern Union College; Carey Brown, president of the University of Tenn. USF; Raymond Rymph, president of the USF of the Southeast area, student at Vanderbilt; and Annie R. Campbell, Minister of Christian Education of the SEC.

Shown in the snapshot from left to right are: Carey Brown, Peggy Hammock, Raymond Rymph.

People . . .

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Elder Church Holds Vacation Bible School

Thirty-four boys and girls were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at Elder Congregational Christian Church, Dadeville, Alabama. There was an average attendance of thirty-three.

The Bible School was divided into four groups, with Mrs. Curwood Jennings and Miss Jane Burton teaching the youngest children; Mrs. Barrett Ingram the Primary group; and Miss Louise Duck the Juniors. The Intermediates were under the leadership of Mrs. Woodroe Washburn.

Following the worship service, a thirty-five-minute class session was held. The text books were taught and studied at this time. Next came a "fun song" session, and this proved to be about the best liked time of the day by all four groups. Rounds, spirituals and folk songs were sung.

During the daily worship service an offering was taken to be presented to Our Christian World Mission program.

Following the "fun song" period came the workbook period, followed by handwork, refreshments and recreation. During the recreation period outdoor games were played three days, and on Thursday a "Scavenger Hunt" was held. Friday everyone went to the church basement to participate in the "Grand March" and a folk dance.

The Bible School commencement exercises were held on Friday night, July 24, at Elder Congregational Christian Church.



Alabama-Florida Women Hold Annual Retreat

The highlight of the Ala.-N. W. Fla. Women's Retreat was the presence of our own Marguerite Davison as the chief leader and speaker. The whole Retreat was well planned, well executed, and well attended.

The noon meal featured our Home Missionary Theme on the TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH and was presented by Andalusia women. The banquet featured AFRICA, LAND OF PROMISE, and was presented by the women of Phenix City.

Friendly Service was graphically and meaningfully presented by Mrs. John Schofield and Mrs. Woodroe Washburn, securing a gift of over eighty dollars, which was given to Southern Union College.

Marguerite Davison and Annie Campbell were both pleasantly surprised by the presentation made by Dora Brackin, Secretary and Treasurer of the SEC-WF, that money was to be made available to furnish two more rooms at the anticipated new addition to Pilgrim Hall, to be dedicated to them by the women of the Southeast Convention.

The women went over and took a look at Beougher Hall and decided to set a day to return in work clothes with the necessary tools to clean, paint, and furnish its interior to make it a more attractive place for students to reside in.

The following officers and chairmen were elected to serve for a two-year period:

President—Miss Ellen Hull, Langdale
Vice-President — Mrs. Harvetta

Fellowship Officers Installed First Church, Phenix City

Mrs. Harry Barr, president of East Alabama Women's Fellowship, installed the Women's Fellowship officers of the First Congregational Christian Church of Phenix City at the regular church service. The ladies were in charge of the complete service.

Mrs. Fedilus Simmons gave the function of each of the six area chairmen of the fellowship while Mrs. Lois Stokes gave the purpose of the fellowship. Mrs. Otis Hilyer, outgoing president, presided at the service. In installing the officers, Mrs. Barr charged the officers as a group that four things were necessary to be good officers: companionship with God, world vision, living faith, and patient care.

President, Mrs. Elsie Edwards; vice-president, Mrs. Loise Stokes; secretary, Mrs. Fedilus Simmons; treasurer, Jean Cook; Evangelism and Spiritual Life, Mrs. Claudine Bloodworth; Stewardship, Mrs. Dorothy Allen; Christian Education, Mrs. Dessie Lee Bray; Missionary Education, Mrs. Wilene Edwards; Christian Social Action, Mrs. Charlie Mae Hickman; Friendly Service, Mrs. Ruby Harden; Flower Chairman, Mrs. Lola M. Williamson; and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Loraine Casey.

At the closing of the program, Miss Faye Harden, accompanied by Miss Melessia Webb, sang the Lord's Prayer.

Barr, Phenix City

Secretary — Mrs. Noel Allen, Lanett
Treasurer — Mrs. Challis Rhodes,

Tallassee

Evangelism and Spiritual Life — Mrs. Lula Trawick, Andalusia

Stewardship and Woman's Gift — Mrs. Elsie Edwards, Phenix City

Christian Education — Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave, Wadley, Ala.

Missionary Education — Mrs. Miriam Fralic, Tallassee

Christian Social Action — Mrs. Locke White, Birmingham, Ala.

Friendly Service — Mrs. John Schofield, Lanett

Shown in the snapshot, from left to right, are: Mrs. John Schofield, Mrs. Challis Rhodes, Miss Ellen Hull, Mrs. Locke White, Mrs. Lula Trawick, Mrs. Miriam Fralic, Mrs. Harvetta Barr, and Mrs. Elsie Edwards.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FALL ASSOCIATION AND CONFERENCE MEETINGS

October 3-4: N. Alabama Association, First Church, Caddo, Alabama

October 5: Central Alabama Association, East Tallassee, Alabama

October 6-7: S. Alabama-N. W. Florida Association, Dorcas, Crestview, Fla.

October 10-11: Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Brookmeade United, Nashville, Tenn.

October 14: East Alabama Association, Huguley Church, Lanett, Alabama

October 15: East Alabama Association, Hillside Church, LaGrange, Ga.

October 16-17: Georgia-S. Carolina Conference, Williams Chapel, Waycross, Ga.

Service Committee Elects New Executive Secretary

The Rev. Byron Kenneth Anthony, a Congregational Christian minister from Elyria, Ohio, took office September 1 as executive secretary of the Congregational Christian Service Committee. This is the agency which handles most of the foreign relief work for the denomination.

Mr. Anthony succeeds the Rev. Dr. Earle H. Ballou, Chester, Vermont, who retired in March.

Mr. Anthony was minister of the First Congregational Church in Elyria since 1951. During the 16 years previous he served Congregational churches in Waterbury and Branford, Connecticut, and in Belmont, Massachusetts.

After graduating from Yale College in 1928, Mr. Anthony spent three years in China teaching at Yale-in-China, Changshe. (He later did graduate work in education at Yale.) In 1934 he received a B. D. degree from Yale Divinity School and, in 1935, was ordained. He is son and grandson of Congregational ministers.

In Ohio he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Conference of Congregational Christian churches and chairman of the Conference committee on the ministry. He has also served on the Christian Education Division Committee of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches, and has been a delegate to five sessions of the denomination's biennial General Council.

While serving the Elyria church, Mr. Anthony emphasized the importance of lay leadership to church growth. As a result, the church, with a membership of 1,459, has 800 volunteers in specific jobs and has adopted a long-range program of self-study. The church supports three missionaries in foreign fields under the denomination's Christian World Mission project plan, and it has outfitted a "Pilgrim Circuit Rider" station wagon in which an ordained minister travels about the country, counselling Congregational Christian churches in remote areas.

Mr. Anthony married the former Helen Bursaw of Beverly, Massachusetts, in Kobe, Japan, in 1930. They have

Missionary From Ceylon Will Be Conference - Association Speaker

Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, for over 20 years president of Jaffna College at Vaddukoddai, Ceylon, and a distinguished Congregational Christian missionary educator, will speak to the Fall meetings of the conferences and associations of the Southeast Convention.

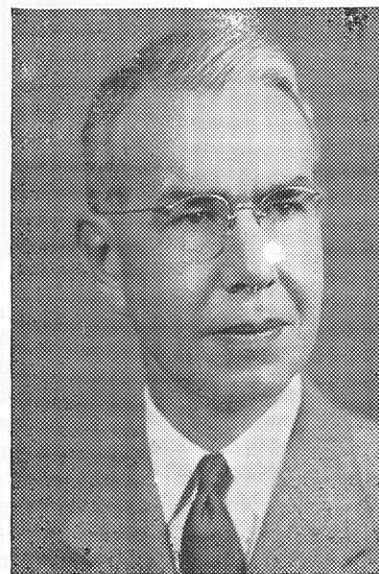
Ceylon, strategically at the crossroads of world trade routes, and now a separate dominion of the British Commonwealth, with the same independent status as India and Canada, represents in miniature the situation of most of Southeast Asia.

Born of missionary parents in Natal, South Africa, Mr. Bunker early discovered the cultural and educational, as well as the spiritual needs, in a country where racial and language differences have to be reconciled. In Ceylon he has been continuing at Jaffna College the work begun over 125 years ago by missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign

four children, Jean, Kenneth, Elizabeth, and Janet. Jean has followed in her parent's footsteps by currently teaching at Baika Girls' School, Osaka, Japan, under a short-term appointment with the denomination's American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The Congregational Christian Service Committee's major service is the rendering of short-term emergency relief aid in areas of critical need throughout the world. Working closely with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, it carries on relief work and rehabilitation projects in Greece, France, Italy, Korea and Lebanon.

It is the agent of American Congregational Christian Churches for the resettlement in the U. S. A. of displaced persons and it cooperates with the World Council of Churches in the rehabilitation of refugees in other parts of the world. The Service Committee is a member agency of the interdenominational Church World Service which sponsors such programs as One Great Hour of Sharing, Share Our Surplus, and the United Clothing Appeal.



REV. SYDNEY K. BUNKER

Missions. While the burden of education in Ceylon now rests squarely on the shoulders of the government, the American Board schools, with government aid, still rank among the finest on the island.

He received most of his higher education in the United States, having been graduated from Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary, where he won a two-year fellowship at Oxford University, England. There he studied literature and African problems.

The number of students at Jaffna has more than doubled in 15 years. New courses have been added in biological sciences and practical arts.

His hobby of ornithology Mr. Bunker has cultivated during his leisure and has become an expert on the shore birds of North Ceylon.

Mrs. Bunker, a native of Groveland, New York, who received her education at Genesee State Normal School and Columbia University, is a specialist in primary, kindergarten and nursery school work. She has made an active contribution in the training of teachers for the model Sunday School of the Vaddukoddai Church. She has also been chairman of the Council for Kodaikanal School in South India.